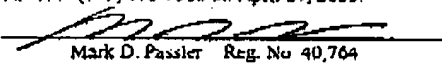


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (hereinafter "the Action") dated December 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.